

REMARKS

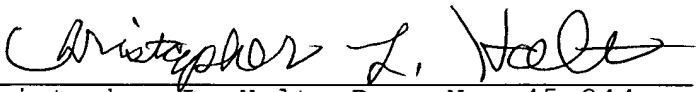
This is in response to the "DECISION ON APPEAL" mailed on July 29, 2004. In that decision, the Board of Patent Appeals sustained the rejection of Claim 1. The rejection of Claims 2-12 and 15 was not sustained. With the present amendment, Claim 1 is canceled. Accordingly, it is respectfully pointed out that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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